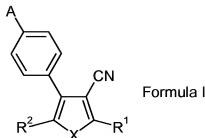


Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A compound of Formula I:



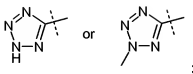
wherein

X represents S;

R¹ represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CHO, -CN, -S(phenyl), CF₃, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -SO(1-4C)alkyl, -SO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)(1-3C)alkyl, NH₂, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -NH(4-7C)cycloalkyl, or -N[(1-4C)alkyl](CH₂)_nN[(1-4C)alkyl]₂;

R² represents—CO₂H;

R⁴ represents hydrogen, OH, -CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂O(1-4C)alkyl, F, Cl, CF₃, OCF₃, -CN, NO₂, NH₂, -CH₂NH₂, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, -C(=O)NH(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NH₂, -CH₂C(=O)NH₂, -NHC(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -(CH₂)_mNHSO₂R¹⁰, -(CH₂)_nCN, -(CH₂)_mCO₂H, -C(=NOH)CH₃, -(CH₂)_mCO₂(1-6C)alkyl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂, -SR¹⁰, -SOR¹⁰, -SO₂R¹⁰, SH, -CH₂SO₂NH₂, -CH₂NHC(=O)CH₃,



R⁵ represents hydrogen, F, Cl, -CN, NO₂, NH₂, -(CH₂)_mNHSO₂R¹⁰, -(1-4C)alkyl, or -(1-4C)alkoxy;

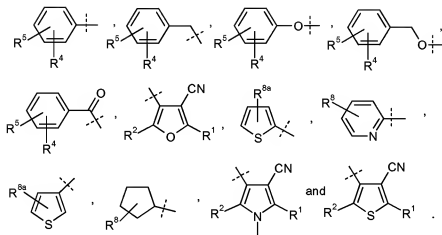
R⁶ represents hydrogen, -(1-4C)alkyl, -SO₂R¹¹, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

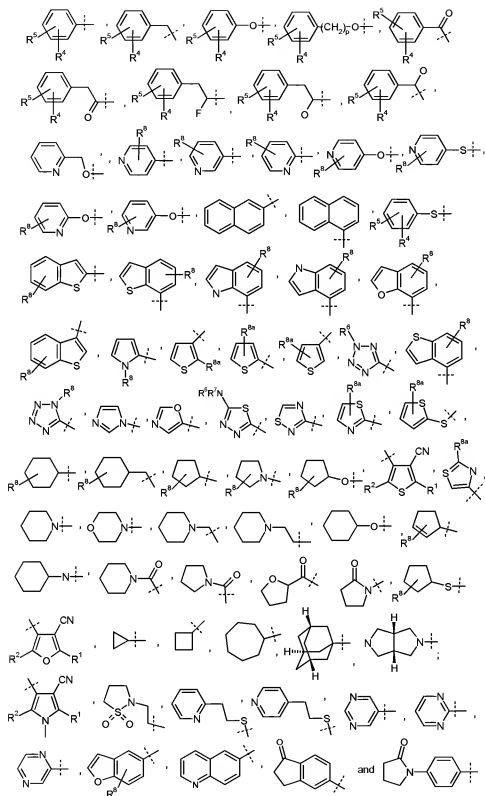
R⁷ represents hydrogen or -(1-4C)alkyl;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, -(1-4C)alkyl, -(1-4C)alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, -CN, -NHSO₂R¹¹, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R^{8a} represents hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, -(1-4C)alkyl, NO₂, NH₂, NH(1-6C)alkyl, N[(1-6C)alkyl]₂, -C(=O)NH₂, -CN, -CO₂H, -S(1-4C)alkyl, -NHCO₂(1-4C)alkyl, -C(=O)NHCH₂CH₂CN, or -C(=O)(1-4C)alkyl;

R^{10} , R^{11} , and R^{12} each independently represent $-(1-4C)alkyl$, $-(CH_2)_3Cl$, CF_3 , NH_2 , $NH(1-4C)alkyl$, $N[(1-4C)alkyl]_2$, thienyl, phenyl, $-CH_2phenyl$, or $-(CH_2)_2phenyl$, wherein phenyl, as used in substituent R^{10} , R^{11} or R^{12} , is unsubstituted or substituted with F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , $-(1-4C)alkyl$, $-(1-4)alkoxy$, or acetyl;
 R^{13} represents hydrogen, $-(1-4C)alkyl$, $-CH_2CF_3$, triazole, or tetrazole;
 R^{14} represents $-(1-4C)alkyl$;
 R^{15} represents hydrogen or $-(1-4C)alkyl$;
 R^{19} represents $(1-4C)alkyl$ or CF_3 ;
 m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3;
 n represents 1, 2, 3, or 4;
 p represents 1 or 2;
 r represents 1 or 2; and
 A is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_2NHSO_2R^{12}$, $-CH(CH_3)(CH_2)NHSO_2R^{12}$, $-(CH_2)CH(CH_3)NHSO_2R^{12}$,





and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, provided that when R¹ is S(1-4C)alkyl, A is not CF₃, (1-6C)alkyl, or (1-4C)alkoxy.

2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).
5. (Canceled).
6. (Canceled).
7. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is



8. (Canceled).
9. (Original). A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 represents hydrogen, $-SCH_3$, CF_3 , methyl, or ethyl.
10. (Canceled).
11. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 7 wherein R^5 represents hydrogen, F, Cl, or $-(1-4C)alkyl$.
12. - 14. (Canceled).
15. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 11 wherein R^4 represents hydrogen, $-CN$, ethoxy, or $-SCH_3$.
16. - 42. (Canceled).